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AMEMBASSY LA PAZ IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 3428

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR; CASC, PA

SUBJECT: W/W ARRESTS

REF: LA PAZ 6750

1. CHIEF INSPECTOR GALIANO OF PARAGUAYAN INTERPOL HAS NOT YET
INFORMED BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT THAT PRISONERS WERE APPREHENDED HERE PEND-

ING AMEMBASSY ASUNCION APPROACH TO FOREIGN OFFICE AND INTERIOR
MINISTRY BUT HE FEELS HE WILL HAVE TO MAKE REPORTS TO GOB LATE AUGUST
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2. WE HAVE REVIEWED POINTS MADE IN LA PAZ 6750 AND WHILE NOT
IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON QUESTION OF EQUITY AMONG PRISONERS,
WE SEE NO LEGAL GROUNDS FOR THEIR RETURN TO BOLIVIA. PARAGUAYAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT NO EXTRADITION TREATY EXISTS
BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY AND THERE IS, THEREFORE, NO JURIDICAL
BASIS FOR GOP TO REQUEST HANDOVER OF THREE AMERICAN CITIZENS.
INTERPOL PROCEDURES RAISED BY PARAGUAYAN INTERIOR MINISTRY IN
DISCUSSION WITH BARREIRO MAFFIODO ARE ANOTHER MATTER; BUT AGAIN,
WE DO NOT SEE LEGAL GROUNDS FOR PRISONERS TRANSFER UNDER INTERPOL
INFORMATION POOLING ARRANGEMENTS. PERHAPS DEPARTMENT
COULD ADVISE US OF LEGAL UNDERPINNINGS OF INTERPOL AND
USUAL PRACTICE CONCERNING FUGITIVES.

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3. AMEMBASSY LA PAZ MAY WISH TO INQUIRE FROM BOLIVIAN
AUTHORITIES THE BASIS ON WHICH THEY REQUESTED GOP TO DETAIN
THE THREE U.S. CITIZENS AND IF THEY INTEND TO REQUEST
HANDOVER IN ABSENCE OF EXTRADITION TREATY. CONCERNING
QUESTION OF PRISONERS' MOTIVATION IN ESCAPING TWO WEEKS BEFORE
EXCHANGE, THE THREE HAVE INFORMED U.S. CONSUL THEY MAINTAIN

THEIR INNOCENCE, EXCAPED BOLIVIA TO AVOID ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORD AGAINST THEM IN THE U.S. AND WERE AWARE NO EXTRADITION TREATY EXISTS BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY.

4. IN LIGHT OF RELATIVELY WEAK GROUNDS GOP HAS FOR HOLDING THESE PRISONERS, DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO SUGGEST TO PARENTS THAT THEY RETAIN COUNSEL IN ASUNCION TO FILE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND AT LEAST DELAY THEIR POSSIBLE HANDOVER TO BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES THIS COURSE OF ACTION, AMEMBASSY ASUNCION WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE NAMES OF SEVERAL REPUTABLE LOCAL LAWYERS TO PARENTS. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE MONTANARO MORNING OF AUGUST 22 AND WILL MAKE POINTS PREVIOUSLY MADE TO BARREIOR MAFFIODO.

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